

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man found guilty of VPO and Intimidation

(February 18, 2010, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Darren Wimley, 47, of Akron, was found guilty late yesterday afternoon by Judge Thomas Teodosio of Intimidation of a Crime Victim, a felony of the third degree, Menacing by Stalking, a felony of the fourth degree, and Violating a Protection Order, a felony of the fifth degree.

Wimley will be sentenced by Judge Teodosio on March 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Wimley and the victim were involved in a relationship for three years prior to these charges. During their relationship, Wimley was issued a protection order because the victim had asserted that Wimley had hit and threatened her. He soon violated the order and was sent to jail for 180 days. While in jail the victim initiated an independent criminal investigation of Wimley. As a result, Wimley sent the victim's family threatening letters from jail, saying that he would "deal with [the victim] in his own way." Once released from jail, he called the victim's mother's house and told her to pass a message on to her daughter "that her days are numbered" and "that she better watch her back." He also talked about killing in this phone call.